

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter and the withdrawal of some of the previous grounds of rejection. Claims 1, 2, and 13-15 stand rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses.

The presently claimed invention is directed to a heart model that permits a medical device lead to be inserted and affixed for training and educational purposes. None of the references alone or in combination teach the claimed structure. In order to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended into allowable form. Applicant respectfully asserts that no narrowing amendment has been made to overcome the prior art. Rather, the claims have been amended for formalities including changing dependency and presenting dependent claims in independent form.

With respect to the current, unamended and/or cancelled claims, Applicant respectfully asserts that the references cited fail to anticipate those claims nor do they render those claims obvious. Garoni is a display device with electrical circuitry that visually illustrated (through light) the electrical conduction pathway of a heart. Yong includes an anatomical model including a fluid filled heart. It would not be obvious to, for example, affix a medical device lead having a helical tip into such a model as it would damage the device, preventing fluid retention. Litman does not teach a helical affixation electrode, as suggested by the Examiner. Element 20 is a simply a coiled conductor on a catheter. A helical electrode used for affixation is "screwed" into a surface such as heart tissue, or in certain embodiments of the present invention, the affixation surface. Thus, the claims in their original form or their present form are novel and unobvious in view of the references cited. As stated, Applicant has presented the claims indicated allowable by the Examiner to expedite prosecution but reserves the right to represent the original claim in a subsequently filed continuing application and/or include all equivalents in later claim interpretation without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are allowable and request notice of the same. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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